

SLT Meeting

September 10, 2013

3:30pm-5:30pm

Attendance:

Kristin Sewell (Chair)	Robin Broshi	Bob Bender (Principal)	Krista Hayley
Ben Caldwell (PTA)	Tori Lyon	Sara Garro (UFT)	Eric Hand
Vicki Arbitrio	Zoya Simakhodskaya	Deborah Osborne (CBO)	Tracy Ortiz

* A= indicates absence

Minutes:

- A. Provisional approval of June 2013 SLT Meeting Minutes, pending final review.
- B. Introductions of full team for new school year, see above. All present.
- C. CEP (Comprehensive Education Plan) update. Based on new ELA (English Language Arts) testing, CEP established at June SLT meeting will be re-visited.
- D. PS11 Welcome Back Potluck and Dance rescheduled (based on weather forecast), now Friday, September 27.
- E. Literacy Night (Thursday, September 26) planning:
 - a. Kindergarten, 1-2 grades and 3-5 grades sessions established for Parents.
 - i. Reading
 - ii. Writing
 - iii. Reluctant Reader/Writer
 - b. Additional sessions added for Students.
 - i. Graphic arts/cartooning
 - c. Food will served for Students and Teachers (only)
 - i. Penne pasta with tomato sauce.
- F. Community Goals reviewed:
 - a. Safety
 - i. Emergency Card/ID update. Bob Bender reports that Photo ID cards have been very successful.
 - 1. Parents/guardians needing new cards will be able to get new or replacement cards at each Family Friday.
 - ii. Cafeteria Update: PS11 Parents Architectural Team to continue study of school entrance and present possible safety improvement in future.
 - iii. Bob Bender indicated alarms on back doors of school not connected to main entrance alarms and hard to hear. "Baby monitor" discussed and to be tested to transmit alarm to main security desk.

- b. Lunch/Cafeteria:
 - i. Deborah Osborne reported that existing cafeteria tables have been re-organized, allowing additional students to fit into the cafeteria at lunchtime. New layout is acceptable for this year but next year may prove to be an issue, with more students. To be studied further.
- c. Health, Nutrition & Fitness:
 - i. "Fitness Before the Bell" will be continued.
- d. Communication:
 - i. "Curriculum Connections" will be continued.
 - ii. "Virtual Help Desk" currently on hold.
 - iii. Online Webinars currently on hold.
- e. Expanded K&G for Grades 3-5 discussed:
 - i. Bob Bender confirmed the need for additional solutions needed for the "Kind and Gentle" message the school presents and teaches, starting with Pre-K and Kindergarten.
 - ii. "The Toolbox Project" presented by Zoya Simakhodskaya. "The Toolbox Project", developed by Dovetail Learning (www.dovetaillearning.org), has a mission that appears in-line with current K&G thinking. "The Toolbox Project" has been very successful in its current limited use providing additional tools for students, teachers and parents to address negative and reinforcing positive behavior.
 - iii. Program expanding beyond California this year and SLT will seek more information.